

Robert Duncan New Studio

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Elegance and simplicity grace Robert Duncan Studio new art gallery on Midway's Main Street. Duncan designed the artistic elements of the building himself based on photographs and drawings of authentic Swiss barns and the barn in his own backyard.

While considering what he wanted his art gallery to look like Duncan asked himself, "What is

Midway?" He looked around and decided one of the things that says Midway to him are the local barns.

"We thought that theme might work with my art as well as Midway's history," Duncan said, "so we took a lot of photographs the last few times we were over there."

Duncan worked with local architect George Olson.

Olson provided Duncan with photos of Swiss barns for inspiration. Basically, Duncan solved the artistic and Olson solved the design problems. Together they have brought a new Swiss style to Midway's Main Street. The new studio calls more authentic Midway to life.

"We took photographs of the Bern, Interlaken and other areas of Switzerland, the same sections the Midway were from. I wanted to have the same barns."

In the Bern, Interlaken and Grindewald sections of Switzerland, Duncan said there is more wood architecture than stucco, which is common in other areas of the country.

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Olson provided Duncan with old drawings of Swiss barns he had in his collection. Basically, Duncan created the barn artistically and Olson worked out the design problems. Together their work has brought a new Swiss look to Midway's Main Street, a look Duncan calls more authentic to the Swiss settlers of Midway.

"We took photographs of barns in the Bern, Interlaken and Grindlewald areas of Switzerland," Duncan said, "in the same sections the original settlers of Midway were from. I liked the Swiss barns."

In the Bern, Interlaken and Grindlewald sections of Switzerland Duncan said there is more wood architecture than stucco, which is prominent in other areas of the country.

"We're hoping that more people will build with the wood Swiss style in the future on Main Street," Duncan said. "Although it does cost a little more."

Euclid, a local building company in Charleston, built the art gallery. The



Wave photos by Robin Johnson

Internationally praised artist Robert Duncan opens a new studio in Midway.

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like wood.

A bell tower on top of the barn shelters a cow bell from Switzerland. Local resident, Tom Whitaker, gave it to the Duncan's as a house warming present when the new gallery opened for Swiss Days just before Labor Day.

The weather vane on top is a dancing pig, just like the one that sits on top of Duncan's art studio at home.

The barn theme is carried inside the gallery section of the can barn. Duncan said the whole Out building is held together with Raul
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big pegs and supported with timber frames in the old post and beam style, also known as the pegs and timber style. Like the interior of many barns, the ceiling and floor are wood.

There are two other sections inside the new building, a shipping and office area and a warehouse.

Duncan's art gallery is a metaphor for his artwork, a simple country moment respectfully, elegantly and timelessly portrayed.

Robert Duncan Studios is located on Main Street in Midway. To contact the studio, call (435) 654-0500.

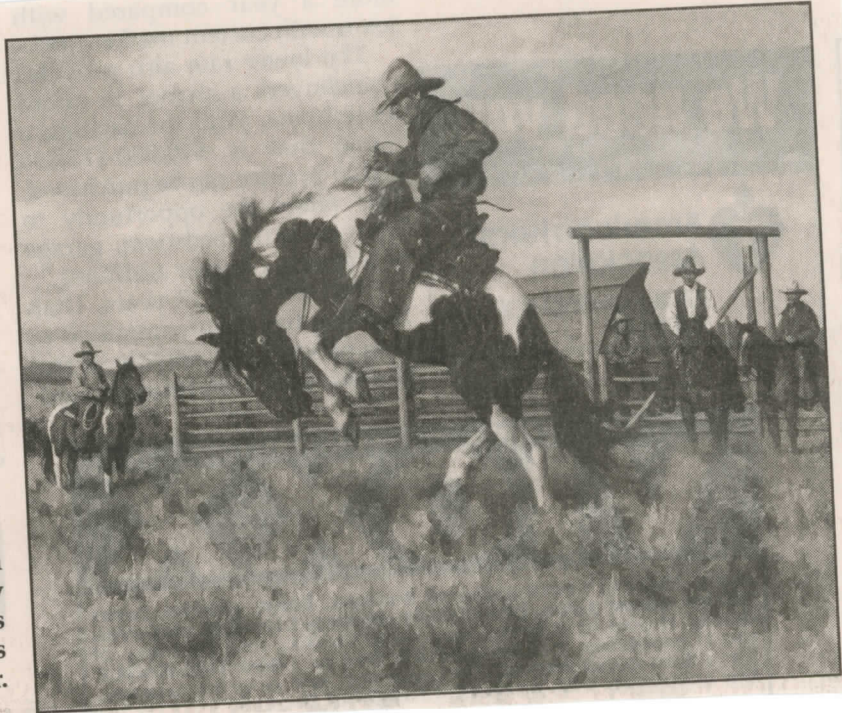
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Image courtesy of Cowboy Poetry

Midway artist Robert Duncan painted the first Cowboy Poetry souvenir poster and his artwork is featured on this year's 10th anniversary poster.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday

•5:30 p.m. – Cowboy Dinner and Show. This is a traditional dutch oven dinner with music and poetry at the Midway Town Hall. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

•7 p.m. – The Heber Valley Historic Railroad's Cowboy Poetry Express. An intimate evening with poets and musicians aboard Heber's famous steam powered train.

Thursday

•5 p.m. – The Buckaroo Fair opens at Wasatch High School (WHS)

•5 p.m. – Mountain Man Trader's Camp opens at the WHS lawn.

•5 to 10 p.m. – Eddie Deen BBQ at WHS

•5 to 8 p.m. – Continuous Music and Poetry at the Cow Camp Stage

•7 p.m. – Dinner Concert, the Sons of the San Joaquin with the BYU Philharmonic Symphony at WHS Auditorium

Friday

•9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – The Harmony Horse Club presents Poetry in Motion at the Doug Holmes arena.

The Heber City Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Buckaroo Fair for Nov. 9 to Nov. 14

BY TISH DAHMEN
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Celebrating its 10th year of bringing the best of Western music, poetry, barbeque, horse savvy and cowboy gear to Heber City, is the Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Buckaroo Fair.

The Gathering, which today attracts thousands of people from all over the country, began humbly in the Midway Town Hall with a handful of cowboy poets. Organized by "trail boss" Tom Whitaker and a few of his compadres, the Gathering has become one of the premiere events for Western entertainment in the United States.

One of the reasons the Gathering is so popular is because of the high caliber of talent showcased throughout the six days of events. "We've put together the funnest events that people can go to," Whitaker said. "You don't

have to be a cowboy to enjoy it. The shows are wonderful."

He added, "Because this is our tenth year,

Waddie Mitchell will once again host the Heber City Cowboy Poetry Gathering.





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So we've
brought in every
big name we can buy.
This year there are seven main
shows," he said.

Included in the line up of talent is
mega-star Michael Martin Murphey, Sons of
the San Joaquin, Riders in the Sky, Ian Tyson,
New West, Red Steagall, and the ever-popular
Bar J Wranglers.

Another big draw are ticket prices.
Whitaker said at other cowboy poetry and
music shows, patrons will pay up to and
beyond \$125 for tickets. At the Heber City
Gathering, the highest price ticket is \$35 and
it includes dinner - a barbeque by the world-
famous Eddie Deen.

Photo courtesy of
Cowboy Poetry
A close up of Midway artist
Robert Duncan's contribution to
this year's cowboy poetry gather-
ing - he created the artwork for

